Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 70 for "4-Excise" (Cranganur) by one rupee.*

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 70 under "4-Excise-Miscellaneous" be granted.

The question was put to the vote and carried.

Demand No. VII.—Anchal—Rs. 38—2—10.

President.—The next item in the agenda is supplementary grant No. 3.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 38-2-10 under "7-Anchal (Cranganur) (a) Establishment".

Owing to the leave allowance paid to officers on leave, the expenditure under the head for the year 1102 exceeded the budget grant by Rs. 47-11 0. Savings to the extent of Rs. 9-8-2 were, however, made available by the re-appropriation under the same head. Further re-appropriation being impossible the balance still required, viz., Rs. 38-2-10 has to be sanctioned as supplementary grant. This amount is proposed to be met by transfer from "17-Pension—(a) pension" where there are ample savings.

I request that this grant may be sanctioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I rise to oppose this supplementary grant. I propose to call the attention of the House to this.

President.—Did you give notice of this opposition?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I oppose the supplementary grant. I do not think a notice is necessary.

President.—There is no such thing as opposing a grant. You can either omit the whole item or reduce it by a certain amount. That is the procedure we follow.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Suppose a Member is not going to vote. He can give his reasons.

President.—The Member must give previous notice. That is the procedure we follow in the budget session.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question is different.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Standing Order 53 (2) speaks of this.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Standing Order 56 also.

President.—I think we had all these things some time back.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Rule 50 speaks that "no motion for appropriation shall be made except on the recommendation of a grant. A motion may be moved to omit ro reduce but not to alter the destination of a grnant. I am quoting the rule, because there is a general discussion over budget grants.

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Rao Sahib Mr T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think it is covered by section 56.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In that case it need not come to the vote of the House. There is no reason in simply raising hands without discussion.

President.—We have done it many a time.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I think there is nothing to prevent any Member to speak on a demand, either for or against it. But, in the absence of such a motion of the Member, there is the original motion on the Government side on which a Member wants to oppose and there is nothing in the rules preventing a Member to speak on the demand either for or against.

President.—We are following a certain procedure here. A demand for a grant is brought, and you are informed that Government want this grant for a particular purpose. Then you have to bring to the notice of the Government arguments to prove that such a motion is not necessary or that the whole is not necessary. You may say 'I am going to reduce the amount'. Then you give notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I wish to draw your attention to Standing Order 56 on page 15. It runs thus :—"If notice of a motion to omit or reduce any grant has not been given five clear days before the day on which the demand is to be considered, any Member may object to the moving of the motion, and such objection shall prevail, unless the President, in the exercise of his powers to suspend the rule, allows the motion to be made". Therefore there are two procedures when a Member rises to omit or to oppose a demand, and it is open to any other Member to object to the motion, in which case the President, in the exercise of his powers suspends the S. O., if anybody objects.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—And nobody objects to this, I think ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I object to it, Sir.

President.—I want to draw your attention to one fact. There is a time-limit for the bringing of such a motion. Such time-limit should be observed. Every Member has a right to oppose if this time-limit is not observed. The objection shall prevail if the President, in the exercise of his discretion, do not allow the motion to be made. This is the way in which that S.O. isto be read. Five clear days' notice has not been given, and I don't want to allow it, and sothe motion is lost.

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The question before the House is that the supplementary grant for Rs. 38—2—10 under "7 Anchal" (Cranganur) be put to the vote of the House.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.—Continued.

Deletion of the rule regarding the retirement of officers at the age of 55.

President.—We will now continue the discussion of the resolution which was discussed in part some days back.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I rise to a point of order, Sir. The Hon'ble Member for Jenmies has moved an amendment. My point of order refers to that amendment. The amendment moved by the Hon'ble Member for Jenmies is not in order under Standing Order 24. It is an amendment that has got the effect of negativing the original proposition. I believe it to have been seconded last time.

President.—Was it seconded last time?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No, Sir.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Before it is seconded, we are to see whether it is in order.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It is open to me to raise a point of order.

President.—There is something in what the Diwan Peishkar says. It is open to any Member to raise a point of order when an amendment is moved, and if it is found to be not in order. Why should any discussion be allowed on that? Is it not, so Mr. Raja? Should you not see that a particular question is in order or not? Why should we first discuss and then see whether any Member is seconding that amendment?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That amendment was not soconded.

President.—Then it goes by itself. But Mr. Padmanabha Menon says that he is not concerned about its being seconded. The only objection is to the moving of the amendment. I think I shall consider your objection. S. O. 24.—"An amendment which has the power of negativing a proposition cannot be allowed".

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—That is one objection, and the amendment when read does not clearly raise a definite issue. The amendment when read will run thus:—"This Council recommends that "no officer who has attained his 55th year should retire from the Government service" may be inserted in the Service Rules.

President.—The resolution as amended will read thus.—

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